

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a generally rectangular cartridge case in which a single reel wound with a magnetic tape is rotatably housed,

wherein a magnetic tape drawing-out port, which becomes a passage for drawing out said magnetic tape from said cartridge case and rewinding said magnetic tape into said cartridge case, is provided on a side surface of said cartridge case at a position apart from a corner of said cartridge case, said position apart from said corner being located between a position corresponding to a screw hole used for assembling upper and lower cases and provided in the corner of said cartridge case, and a position corresponding to a reference hole ~~formed in a lower surface of said cartridge case~~ that is provided in a surface of said cartridge case in the vicinity of a central portion of said cartridge case,

wherein the surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is not a side surface of said cartridge case.

12. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein a drawing-out member is provided at one end of said magnetic tape and said magnetic tape is drawn out of said magnetic tape drawing-out port by said drawing-out member.

13. (Original) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein a central position of said magnetic tape drawing-out port is located at a position apart from the corner of said cartridge case by a distance equivalent to approximately one quarter of an edge length of the side surface of said cartridge case.

14. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 12, wherein said drawing-out member is a leader block which fits in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and forms a part of said side wall when the leader block is in a state of disuse.

15. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a generally rectangular cartridge case in which a single reel wound with a magnetic tape is rotatably housed,

wherein a magnetic tape drawing-out port, which becomes a passage for drawing out said magnetic tape from said cartridge case and rewinding said magnetic tape into said cartridge case, is provided on a side surface of said cartridge case at a position apart from a corner of said

cartridge case, said position apart from said corner being located between a position corresponding to a screw hole used for assembling upper and lower cases and provided in the corner of said cartridge case, and a position corresponding to a reference hole ~~formed in an upper~~ that is provided in a surface of said cartridge case in the vicinity of a central portion of said cartridge case, and

wherein the surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is not a side surface of said cartridge case, and

wherein a drawing-out member is provided at one end of said magnetic tape and said magnetic tape is drawn out of said magnetic tape drawing-out port by said drawing-out member.

16. (previously presented): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a generally rectangular cartridge case in which a single reel wound with a magnetic tape is rotatably housed, wherein a magnetic tape drawing-out port, which becomes a passage for drawing out said magnetic tape from said cartridge case and rewinding said magnetic tape into said cartridge case, is provided on a side surface of said cartridge case at a position apart from a corner of said cartridge case,

wherein a drawing-out member is provided at one end of said magnetic tape and said magnetic tape is drawn out of said magnetic tape drawing-out port by said drawing-out member, and

wherein said drawing-out member is fitted in said magnetic tape drawing-out port to be fixed when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

17. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said drawing-out member forms a part of said side wall when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

18. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said magnetic tape drawing-out port is closed by means of said drawing-out member when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

19. (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said position apart from said corner being located between a position corresponding to a screw hole used for assembling upper and lower cases and provided in the corner of said cartridge case, and a position corresponding to a reference hole ~~formed in a lower~~ that is provided in a surface of said cartridge case in the vicinity of a central portion of said cartridge case,

wherein the surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is not a side surface of said cartridge case.

20. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein a central position of said magnetic tape drawing-out port is located at a position apart from the corner of said cartridge case by a distance equivalent to approximately one quarter of an edge length of the side surface of said cartridge case.

21. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said drawing-out member is a leader block which fits in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and forms a part of said side wall when the leader block is in a state of disuse.

22. (new): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein said reference hole is a reference hole for setting said magnetic tape cartridge in a magnetic tape conveying mechanism of a drive of a recording/reproducing apparatus.

23. (new): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said reference hole is a reference hole for setting said magnetic tape cartridge in a magnetic tape conveying mechanism of a drive of a recording/reproducing apparatus.

24. (new): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 19, wherein said reference hole is a reference hole for setting said magnetic tape cartridge in a magnetic tape conveying mechanism of a drive of a recording/reproducing apparatus.

25. (new): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 14, wherein said drawing-out member is fitted in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and fixed in said magnetic tape drawing-out port when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

26. (new): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said drawing-out member is fitted in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and fixed in said magnetic tape drawing-out port when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.